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Design and technology merge in Arizona State University's new Biodesign Institute. -- How bad leadership can ruin good planning. -- Signs that Buffalo's losing streak is coming to an end. -- A Welsh village built in 1926 (made famous by "The Prisoner") "holds the key for the future of successful urban design." -- Working in Scotland, Duany says Britain's suburban sprawl is wrong but redeemable. -- Belfast seeing the "dawn of a new architectural era." -- But then there are those developers who are buying their way out of having to include social housing in their projects. - Some may see facadism as an insult to history, but sometimes it's better than the alternative. -- In Johannesburg, 5 landmarks saved, 5 others to bite the dust. -- Scientists to the rescue of Saarinen's Bell Labs. -- Preservationists in Canada and Britain up in arms about bulldozers in Bath. -- Ito on Singapore's waterfront (please don't call it a mall). -- Plans for Liverpool waterfront tower called "joyless and weak." -- Rising building costs sends Gehry back to the drawing board for Grand Avenue plans. -- Koolhaas at Cornell: cool pix; students have praise and questions; the dean explains it all. -- Ito on Singapore's waterfront (please don't call it a mall). -- A professor of art and archaeology digs deep into Hadid.

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